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The production of wastes on our planet is increasing. The storage or disposal of these wastes - until they can be returned naturally back to the environment is a major problem. Waste disposal techniques include recycling, composting, incinerating, and hazardous waste operations. **Sanitary landfills** are similar to landfills, where waste is spread over a large area and then covered with soil to encourage the natural decomposition of the waste. To prevent and control leaking of hazardous products from the sanitary landfills, a **clay liner** and a **system of drainage pipes** is put into place.

